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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Examiner:

**REUBEN M. BROWN** 

JACK GERSHFELD

Art Unit:

2711

Application No. 08/892,347

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 9-2-99

Filed: 7-14-97

For:

METHOD OF TESTING ELECTRICAL

SIGNALS AND COMPENSATING

FOR DEGRADATION

THEREFOR

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

1. In the Office action dated 9-2-99, the Examiner rejected claims 5-7 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as lacking antecedent basis with respect to the

limitation "first test signal" in line 4. Applicant hereby amends claims 5-7 as follows:

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5. A method for evaluating and compensating for degradation of an electrical

signal caused by a circuit comprising the steps of:

 $\forall \gamma$ 

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